COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

NOTICE OF PURCHASED GAS

ADJUSTMENT FILING OF AUXIER

ROAD GAS COMPANY, INC.

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CASE NO. 8768-C

ORDER

On September 16, 1983, the Commission issued its Order in Case No. 8768 approving certain adjustments in rates and providing under certain conditions for the further adjustment of such rates when the wholesale cost of gas is increased or decreased or a refund is received.

On October 24, 1983, Auxier Road Gas Company, Inc., ("Auxier") notified the Commission that its wholesale cost of gas would be decreased by its supplier, Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc., ("Columbia") and submitted with its notice certain information in compliance with its purchased gas adjustment clause on file with this Commission.

After reviewing the record in this case and being advised, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that:

(1) On August 10, 1983, Columbia filed an application with the Commission for decreased rates to become effective September 1, 1983. On August 16, 1983, in Case No. 8768-B, Auxier requested permission to track Columbia's decrease. By order issued August 23, 1983, the Commission approved Auxier's filing effective

September 1, 1983. Subsequent to Auxier placing these rates into effect, Columbia filed on October 6, 1983, revised tariffs to be effective September 1, 1983.

- (2) Auxier's notice of October 24, 1983, set out certain revisions in rates which Auxier proposed to place into effect, said rates being designed to pass on the wholesale decrease in price from its supplier in the amount of \$3,615 or 5.4 cents per Mcf.
- (3) Due to the retroactive nature of Columbia's decrease, Auxier should report to the Commission any excess revenues collected during the period from September 1, 1983, to the date the proposed rates are implemented, along with a plan to refund any excess collections to its customers.
- (4) Auxier's adjustment in rates under the purchased gas adjustment provisions approved by the Commission in its Order in Case No. 8768 dated September 16, 1983, is fair, just and reasonable and in the public interest and should be effective with gas supplied on and after September 1, 1983.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the rates in the Appendix to this Order be and they hereby are authorized effective with gas supplied on and after September 1, 1983.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within 30 days of the date of this Order Auxier shall report to the Commission any excess revenues collected during the period from September 1, 1983, to the date the proposed rates are implemented, along with a plan to refund any excess collections.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within 30 days of the date of this Order Auxier shall file with this Commission its revised tariffs setting out the rates authorized herein.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 4th day of November, 1983.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman Vice Chairman

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary

APPENDIX A

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 8768-C DATED November 4, 1983.

The following rates and charges are prescribed for the customers served by Auxier Road Gas Company, Inc. All other rates and charges not specifically mentioned herein shall remain the same as those in effect under authority of this Commission prior to the effective date of this Order.

RATES: Monthly

First 1,000 cu. ft.

\$8.841 Minimum Bill

All Over 1,000 cu. ft.

8.041 per 1,000 cu. ft.

The base rate for the future application of the purchased gas adjustment clause of Auxier Road Gas Company, Inc., shall be:

Commodity

Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc.

\$5.725 per Mcf